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### **Cleaning Pearl Baker Reserve**

On 3 September at 10:30 in the morning, 27 Tzu Chi volunteers met at Tzu Chi Foundation New Zealand and walked to the nearby Pearl Baker Reserve in South Auckland.

The Community Park Ranger from Auckland Council, Kara, had waited for the volunteers at the car park. 27 volunteers split into 3 groups and each group worked on a different area of the park.

Tzu Chi volunteers completed the clean-up in just over an hour and they collected 29 bags of rubbish in total. Well done everyone!





## Donate Teaching Resources to East Tamaki Primary School

East Tamaki Primary School wrote to Tzu Chi NZ in August and requested assistance with Structured Literacy teaching resources.

East Tamaki Primary School is rated decile 1 in ranking. Funding deciles are ratings used by the Ministry of Education to determine the funding a school gets. Schools each have a decile rating from 1 to 10. A low rating reflects the lack of school resources.

East Tamaki Primary School adopted the Structured Literacy programme last year and achieved a very good outcome. However, the school needs help in getting a set of teaching materials which cost about NZD\$3413.79. Upon approving the donation, Tzu Chi volunteers purchased the books immediately and put a Tzu Chi logo inside each of the books. Presented the books to the school on 20 September.





## Asian Community Trust visit Tzu Chi Environmental Protection Education Centre

On 24 September at 10 in the morning, 15 members from the Asian Community Trust visited Tzu Chi Environmental Protection Education Centre. Tzu Chi volunteer shared various information with the group on recycling and environmental protection.

Since vegetarianism is the most simple and effective way of reducing global warming, Tzu Chi volunteers also encouraged the visitors to join the “one meal a day without meat” programme.

Before taking the vegetarian meal, a senior Tzu Chi volunteer presented each of the visitors with a Tzu Chi gift pack. After lunch, back at the Environmental Protection Education Centre, people shared their thought on recycling.





## The Safer Plates campaign

The Safer Plate campaign is a New Zealand police's approach to deter future car plate theft. The campaign offers motorists a chance to replace regular number plate screws with anti-theft ones.

On 15 August, Ethnic Liason Constable Liang Deng- Kevin from Counties Manukau District visited Tzu Chi to explain the campaign and invited Tzu Chi to participate in the campaign.

On 10 September, Tzu Chi held a Safer Plates event from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. where vehicle owners brought their vehicles and have their number plate screws replaced with anti-theft screws. The owner of the vehicle paid for the cost of the screws which is 4 dollars. Tzu Chi volunteers changed the screws of 70 vehicles during the event.



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